

REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner indicated that a supplemental oath or declaration was necessary because independent claims 8 and 9 include subject matter that was not originally claimed or embraced in the statement of the invention.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed subject matter of claims 8 and 9 is clearly embraced by the original statement of the invention. Claims 8 and 9 are merely broader versions of claims 1 and 7, as pointed out by the Examiner. The subject matter of claim 8 is directed to a rocker arm including a valve engaging portion. These claimed features are clearly disclosed at page 10, lines 1-13 of the Application. Additionally, the subject matter of claim 9 is directed to a method of forming the rocker arm. The claimed method is disclosed at page 11 line 19 through page 13, line 5; and page 14, line 1 through page 16, line 12 of the Application.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed subject matter of claims 8 and 9 is embraced in the original statement of the invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that a supplemental oath or declaration is not necessary.

Should the Examiner need to discuss this statement with Applicant's representative, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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